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Dear Examiner Prunner:

Enclosed please find a response to your Office Action and 2 pages of replacement drawing sheets. Please let me know if you require further information. Thank you.

Peter Loffler

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
In the application of:

APPLICANT : Ray Andrew Maloney) ART UNIT: 3751
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FILED : 07/31/2003)

RESPONSE

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a response in the above-identified patent application to an Office Action dated 05/19/04, with time for response set to expire on 08/19/04. With this response, claims 4-7, 11-13, and 16-17 have been canceled without prejudice. A total of 8 claims remain pending including 1 independent claim.

IN THE SPECIFICATIONS

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 9, line 14, with the following paragraph:

A seen in figures 6-8, a channel 38 may be disposed on the top surface 14 of the handle portion 12 in order to connect the reservoir 24 with the bristles 30. Toothpaste T is guided into and within the channel 38 in pushing the toothpaste from the reservoir 24 to the bristles 30 (if the duct 34 system is not used), the first cover 26 terminating at the channel 38. **[[I]] If** desired, a tab cover covers the portion of the channel 38 beyond the first cover 26 in order to protect the toothpaste T from drying out. As further seen, the reservoir 24 may extend through to the bottom surface 16. As such, the reservoir 24 is covered by a second cover 40 on the bottom surface 16 of the handle portion 12. The first cover 26 and the second cover 40 act as bladders that push the toothpaste **[[t]] T** from the reservoir 24 through the channel 38 (or duct 34) and to the bristles 30.

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